

## Message Text

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R 121741Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8420  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, ASEC, SHUM, ES  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER INCIDENT WHICH  
MAY HAVE BEEN INITIAL ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY OUR EMBASSY

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2368

1. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM REFTEL AND OTHER  
REPORTING THAT RECENT WEEKS HAVE SEEN PEACEFUL OCCUPATION  
BY HUMAN-RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS OF FOUR FOREIGN EMBASSIES  
IN SAN SALVADOR, OF RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS, AND OF  
UNITED NATIONS OFFICES. OUR EMBASSY HAS BEEN MENTIONED  
AS FUTURE TARGET OF SUCH ACTION.

2. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9, EARLY MORNING HOURS SAW  
A GROUP OF SEVEN MEN APPROACH EMBASSY AND ATTEMPT  
INGRESS ALLEGEDLY TO PICK UP SALVADORAN PASSPORTS  
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AND US VISAS WHICH WOULD BE AWAITING THEM THERE.  
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE GROUP AROUSED SUSPICION. A  
COMBINATION OF REGULAR AND SOME FORTUITOUS FACTORS  
CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR BEING STOPPED AFTER THEY HAD  
PENETRATED EMBASSY GROUNDS BUT BEFORE ENTERING BUILDING  
ITSELF. THEY WERE THEN ESCORTED OUTSIDE EMBASSY GATE  
TO PUBLIC SIDEWALK WHERE THEY REMAINED TALKING TO

NATIONAL POLICE AGENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES  
BEFORE DISPERSING.

3. WHILE WE CANNOT SAY FOR SURE THAT THIS WAS ATTEMPT  
AT PEACEFUL OCCUPATION OF OUR EMBASSY, CONSENSUS OF  
THOSE US AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO WITNESSED THE  
INCIDENT IS THAT IT DID REPRESENT SUCH AN INCIPIENT  
EFFORT.

4. ON EVENING OF JUNE 9, FOREIGN MINISTER PHONED ME  
AT HOME TO SAY THAT INCIDENT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS  
ATTENTION, TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN, AND TO REQUEST  
DETAILS. AFTER HEARING MY DESCRIPTION OF WHAT  
OCCURRED, HE EXPRESSED HIS SYMPATHY AND ASSURED ME  
OF READINESS OF GOES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AT ANY  
TIME WE MIGHT REQUIRE IT IN THE FUTURE.  
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